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#### **ABSTRACT**

The Golitsyno Communications Facility southwest of Moscow appears to be a major microwave relay facility. Six towers of various types, with a minimum of 11 microwave reflectors or horns attached, are in the facility. A possible HF antenna field is also within the facility. The large number of support buildings present seems to exceed the number necessary for a microwave relay point, indicating the possibility of an additional function for the facility.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Golitsyno Communications Facility is 25 nautical miles (nm) southwest of the center of Moscow and 1.7 nm south of the town of Golitsyno, across the road (0.6 nm east) from a secured military installation (Figure 1).

The facility was initially identified as a microwave facility on ground photography of 1958 (Figure 4), and designated the Kobyakovo "Goalpost" (passive microwave reflector array) Facility. Small scale \_\_\_\_\_\_\_photography of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_indicated the presence of a high frequency (HF) antenna field in the same general area, which was targeted as Golitsyno HF Communications Facility. Reexamination and analysis of older ground and aerial coverage of the area and current high-resolution photography confirm the existence and collocation of the two facilities and a preponderance of microwave equipment.

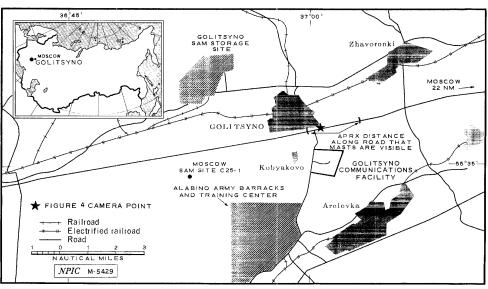


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP.

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### BASIC DESCRIPTION

Electronics components at the facility consist of three guyed lattice masts, with two microwave dish reflectors at the foot level of both the northern and central masts and a probable dish reflector located much lower (not measurable) on the southern mast; a 300-foot masonry tower with an undetermined number of microwave antennas (Figure 3); an approximately 290-foot self-supporting lattice tower with one microwave dish reflector; an 85-foot masonry tower with one visible Vesna horn (approximate possibly other equipment; approximately 30 possible IIF masts; and one unidentified antenna array, 90 feet long by 35 feet high, that may be an ionospheric scatter antenna.

The dish reflector antennas are identifiable as the R-60/120 microwave system, with an adjacent structure at the base of the supporting mast and a ground-mounted reflector visible in most cases. Although the "Goalpost" arrays seen on the 1958 ground photography were not visible on the photography, these arrays are not easily seen and one or both may possibly still be present. Probable Vesna and R-400 antennas are mounted on the 300-foot masonry tower. No azimuths, with the exception of the one Vesna horn on the 85-foot tower, could be measured. Analysis of the possible HF masts reveals no identifiable antenna pattern. It is possible that these masts serve some purpose other than communications.

Support structures at the facility include approximately 50 buildings of various sizes. The total available floorspace is 142,000 square feet. Buildings that can be identified by function include the control building at the base of each mast on which reflectors are mounted, the cable-connected control building adjacent to the 85-foot tower, a heat/power plant in the support area, and five housing buildings in the support area.

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#### Status and Activity

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The first available coverage of this facility is on A considerable portion of the area is cloudtography of covered and hazy, including all areas where electronics components are now emplaced. A comparison of the area in with its present appearance shows that the road access and some of the support structures are the same. In the facility was in a very early stage of construction. The "Goalpost" support masts probably were not present. 25X1

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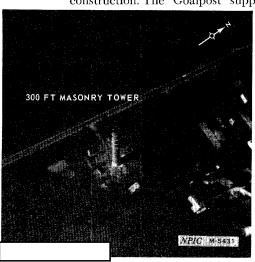


FIGURE 3. MASONRY TOWER.

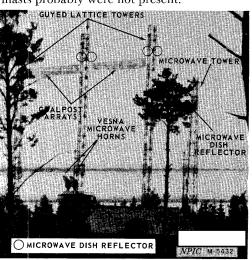


FIGURE 4. MICROWAVE DISH REFLECTORS.

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Ground photography of June 1958 (Figure 4) shows that the three guyed lattice masts, the approximately 290-foot self-supporting lattice tower, and the 85-foot masonry tower had been erected in the area. Three guyed masts supported two "Goalpost" arrays approximately 300 feet up the masts. These arrays are known to be passive microwave reflectors. A microwave dish reflector was located on the self-supporting lattice tower and two Vesna horns were mounted on the 85-foot masonry tower.  Ground photography of June 1959 showed that the northernmost "Goalpost" array had been removed and that two dish reflectors had been placed on the center guyed lattice tower. Additional coverage was not available until and further changes in the	25X1
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The large 300-foot masonry tower was first observed in  Confirmation of microwave antennas on this tower can be made on photography, the only large-scale coverage of the tower. The exact number of antennas cannot be determined, but there appear to be at least four.  Photography of was the first coverage over the support area since from which an accurate building count could be made. It shows that a housing building was added and another	25X1
building was removed between The support area had assumed its present configuration by All available photographic evidence leads to the conclusion that	25X1 25X1
the major construction at this facility occurred between and Significant developments since that time have consisted of changing specific antennas.	25X1

## Operational Function

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The apparent function of the facility is microwave relay. However, the number of personnel that can be housed in the support area seems excessive for a solely microwave relay function, which is basically a switching and amplification process which can be handled by equipment. The possible HF antennas at the facility and the abundance of support structures also indicate a more extensive function than microwave relay—probably the input and output for microwave systems via the possible HF system. An additional possible function of the facility might be the administrative responsibility related to a specific group of correspondents.

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